

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-11, 13, and new claim 19 are pending. Claims 2, 12, and 15-18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

Applicants submit the abbreviated claim set to simplify the claims for appeal. The Brode Patent teaches double substituted cationic cellulose ethers with more hydrophobic substitution, and much lower viscosity. The previous rejections have relied on what is *possible* to accomplish with cellulose ethers (*i.e.*, the Stone patent), rather than what one skilled in the art would be *motivated* to do. For example, it is believed that no motivation to reduce cationic substitution from the Brode teaching has been established.

The Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned if it will facilitate prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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